(b) if so, what prompted Government to think for amendments; and

(c) what are the view of the State Governments regarding functioning of the Central Adminsitrative Tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Governmnent is considering suitable amendments to the Adminsitrative Tribunals Act, 1985 in view of certain judicial pronouncements as well as demands from a few States. The amendments proposed, among other things, include the enabling provision for the abolition of any Bench of the Central Adminsitrative Tribunal and also for the abolition of any State Administrative Tribunal. It is proposed to have a provision for making of an appropriate scheme, in consultation with the concerned High Court, for the transfer of cases pending before any such Tribunal. Since, the jurisdiction of Central Administrative Tribunal is limited to Central Government employees as mentioned in Section 14 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, views of the State Governments about the functioning of Central Administrative Tribunal have not been called for.

Revival of SSI units

*167. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Small Scale Industrial units closed-down during the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to revive them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Information on closed units is not maintained centrally. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI financed by scheduled commercial banks. As per the data compiled

by the RBI the number of sick SSI units during the last three years, State-wise, is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) The Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which *inter-alia* include institutional mechanism in the form of State-Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs), Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Banks' Association, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include *inter-alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the banks for implemenation.

Statement

Number of Sick Small Scale Industries (State/UT-wise)

State/Union Territory	At the end of March, 1999	At the end of March, 2000	At the end of March, 2001
Assam	10586	11445	8632
Meghalaya	447	528	376
Mizoram	40	41	27
Bihar	26293	26909	16423
Arunachal Pradesh	116	120	75
West Bengal	146182	143893	11384
Nagaland	166	168	119
Manipur	5237	5577	4150
Orissa	10134	7444	6668
Sikkim	28	25	23
Tripura	6914	7170	5352
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	25	31	18
Uttar Pradesh	17320	21235	23117

1	2	3	4
Delhi	3789	3309	2143
Punjab	3551	1897	1836
Haryana	3180	2952	1285
Chandigarh	187	156	153
Jammu & Kashmir	630	2002	848
Himachal Pradesh	1103	893	368
Rajasthan	12835	7560	6395
Gujarat	4170	5928	5408
Maharashtra	13373	9115	8056
Daman & Diu	13	10	57
Goa	216	161	98
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	24	46	12
Madhya Pradesh	6808	6072	6614
Andhra Pradesh	6260	12461	11841
Karnataka	4342	5416	4400
Lakshadweep	0	0	1
Tamil Nadu	11408	11602	9959
Kerala	10074	9017	11144
Pondicherry	770	1052	186
Total	306221	304235	249530

Demands of Beedi workers

*168. DR. ALLADI P RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Beedi workers of the country owing allegiance to all the major central trade unions took out a protest procession in New Delhi on the 27th November, 2001 in support of their demands;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reponse thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The main demands include uniform minimum wages for beedi